

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

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Expect Record Throng at Plowing Match

More than 100,000 Canadian and United States' agriculturists and their families and friends are expected to visit the 25th annual International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration to be held at Fergus, Ont. from Oct. 12 to 15, it is announced by J. A. Carroll, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, under whose auspices the famous match is held each year, following a meeting of the committee in charge of arrangements for the huge event.

It is also announced that, due to the tremendous enthusiasm of the local committee at Fergus, and because of the steadily increasing interest exhibited each year by plowmen-competitors and spectators, the prize list this year will total nearly \$5,000, considerably in excess of previous years' purses.

Care of Chicks and Layers

Males that are being saved for breeding purposes should not be allowed just to shift for themselves. It is best to keep these young males in a yard or on a range by themselves where they do not come in contact with the pullets and other males. In order to reduce fighting to the minimum among these young males, it is a good plan to keep some of the older males with those that are being held over from last season's breeding pens. These old males will act more or less as policemen among the youngsters and will be a big help in preventing fighting. It is a good plan on cockerel ranges to have several roosts about 3 ft. high as refuges for males that are chased by other males from time to time. A growing mash should be kept before these birds all the time, as it is kept before the pullets, and they should be fed regularly each day on a grain ration to help them develop sufficient body weight. Fresh water and green food are also as desirable for them as for the growing pullets.

To Avoid Bloating

Bloating is an ever present danger with dairy cows on pasture, particularly where the legume is alfalfa. Means for lessening this danger, advised by animal husbandry experts, include: Never turn a cow out on alfalfa pasture on an empty stomach; give a small feed of dry hay before turning out; have a supply of water available in or near the pasture at all times; don't turn the cows out onto a freshly irrigated pasture, or a pasture reeking wet from rain, heavy dew or coated with frost. Much of the danger may also be avoided by mixing grass with alfalfa in seeding down the pastures. The cows prefer grass to legumes such as alfalfa or sweet clover and will take the edge off their appetites before feeding on these.

Controlling Slugs

Garden slugs are always most abundant in wet seasons or in moist situations. They emerge at night, hiding during the day beneath the soil, and they feed chiefly on the under-surfaces of the leaves of beans, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and such like plants. They rasp off the epidermis of the leaves and where the infestation is heavy severe injury is occasioned. Like all other pests, these animals can be more easily controlled if remedial measures are applied when they are small and few in number. Accordingly, the amateur gardener and the commercial growers whose crops are being attacked should give the matter immediate attention.

In Eastern Canada, the slugs are controlled by dusting the infested plants with hydrated lime in the evening after the sun has gone down and the feeding commenced. Care should be taken to cover the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves and the soil immediately surrounding the plants. Hydrated lime is effective only when in the form of a light dry powder. If it becomes hard when subjected to moisture, it is non-injurious to the slugs. Consequently a few light applications of the lime at intervals of three or four days is much more effective than one heavy dose. Another method recommended is to spray the plants with Bordeaux mixture.

Current Crop Reports

The yield per acre of alfalfa, hay and clover, will range from normal to above normal in Central and Southwestern Ontario. In Eastern Ontario the per acre yield will be below normal and in Northern Ontario considerably below. Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing and Temis-

kaming report the yield 50 per cent below average due to winter killing and heavy losses of new seedlings during the past two summers. As a result the total production of hay and clover is expected to be somewhat below normal. Cutting of hay and clover generally ranged from five to ten days later than first cuttings of alfalfa. Wet weather interfered greatly with haying operations in parts of Southern Ontario. The acreage of new seedlings has made excellent growth in Old Ontario, but only fair to rather unsatisfactory development in Northern Ontario due to dry weather.

The condition of pasture throughout Ontario was reported at a condition figure of 103 on the first of July, as compared with 92 a month earlier and 94 on July 1st, 1936. In Northern and Eastern Ontario the condition figure was 103, in Western Ontario 104 and in Southern Ontario 100. Livestock have made good gains, with milk flow at a high level. The production of cheese in Ontario increased from 15,881,728 pounds in June 1936 to 17,558,672 pounds in June of this year, although butter production showed a small decline. The early crop of potatoes in Southern Ontario presented a healthy appearance with vigorous, well-developed plants and satisfactory yields. The second early crop shows plenty of top growth and has a good set. The late crop is coming on well in most parts of the province.

REFORESTATION MOVEMENT

The following article is one of several that will appear in The Leader in connection with the Reforestation movement which will soon begin active operation in Russell and neighboring counties. At present a survey of waste lands and depleted bushlands is under way by Mr. Carman, of the Ontario Forests Branch. In due course lectures will be presented by competent speakers and if the demand for young forest trees is heavy, enough pressure will be exerted and there is a possibility of a government nursery being established within the counties of Prescott and Russell to supply nursery stock to the eleven eastern counties.

This Reforestation movement seems to be one that is gaining ground and while it is visionary yet it possesses an aspect that is founded on keen common sense.

Truly it is a splendid thing and should bring results beyond our fondest expectations.

The Leader is ever willing to help further any scheme that is for the betterment and advancement of the counties it serves.

HOW THE FOREST HELPS THE COMMUNITY

(Distributed by the Ontario Forests Branch.)

Few people realize the value of wood. Practically everything we do throughout the day is connected in some way with products from the forest and from morning until night the articles we use in work and play can be traced, either in whole or in part, to trees. As it has been said, our lives are intimately connected with wood from the cradle to the grave.

It can be easily demonstrated that forests play an important part in any country. The presence of trees have a moderating influence on climate because large areas of trees keep the air cooler in day time and slightly warmer at night and there are not the extreme changes in temperature which are brought about by severe winds which sweep over the country when the trees have been cut down. The presence of large blocks of woodland, as well as individual rows of trees, serve as wind-breaks and in the summer time these intercept high winds and in this way prevent the drying out of the land and the drifting of the top layer of soil, especially if it happens to be sand. On the prairies, and even in some parts of Southern Ontario, we have had evidence of this in the last two or three years and thousands of acres of good pasture and farm land have been injured or destroyed by drifting soil.

The presence of trees has a beneficial influence on the supply of water in springs and rivers and is of great assistance in storing water which feeds underground streams and springs. Trees have a tendency to hold the snow in the spring, allowing the water to seep out gradually into the creeks and rivers instead of causing heavy floods. In many parts of the country hillsides of two kinds can be observed. The first is one from which all the forest has been removed, leaving perhaps an area of barren land with little tree growth

IF WEATHER IS FINE GREAT SHOW ASSURED

Directors of Ottawa Exhibition Out to Eclipse All Records to Mark Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

It will be just too bad for a whole lot of people if there is unfavorable weather for even one day or night from August 19th to 23rd. For those days the directors and management of the Ottawa Exhibition plan to stage a wonderful exhibition and program of entertainment in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary. The weather now is the only uncertain factor as neither expense nor intelligent energy has been spared to ensure a memorable anniversary. There are so many headline features that one finds difficulty in selecting the best.

For music lovers, Goldman and his band will be the biggest event. There will be two free concerts each day from August 23rd to August 28th. For the first three nights a spectacular pageant, Chaudiere, will be presented with a cast of 800 under the direction of Drew McKenna, Toronto. Coupled with Cavalcade, famous riders of the ages, it promises to eclipse all previous efforts in outdoor entertainment. Also for the first three nights will be Lucky Teter and his Hell Drivers in automobile stunts to chill or make the hair stand.

Commencing on Monday, August 23rd, there will be a complete change of the grandstand program. Featured at night will be the Revue of Tomorrow, presented by George Hamid. Girls with real talent as well as good looks, artists who have been tops in New York productions, singers, dancers and comedians will be backed in their efforts by an elaborate staging and costume investiture. The booking of vaudeville acts for afternoon and evenings includes turns which are the very best available. Fireworks each night, horse races, sports, horse show and other factors will complete a great entertainment program.

The new midway will be in keeping with the rest of the Jubilee features and will be in operation for the nine days. In the hundred and one free attractions for the big exhibition will be the wonderful display of live fish, game birds and wild animals by the Ontario Fish and Game Department, automobile show, bands, organ recital in the horticultural hall, pure food show, poultry and pets, livestock, government displays, hobby show, women's institutes, Highland dancing, baby show, displays by merchants and manufacturers, women's work, educational features and others too numerous to list.

August 9, (Sunday) — Maynard United Church anniversary.

HIGHWAY TOLL LOWER IF DRIVERS GO SLOW

New Accident Prevention Slogan is "Save Money and Save Lives"

Toronto, July 27.—Do you want to save money over Civic Holiday week-end? Increase your tire mileage? Cut down your oil bills? Get more miles to the gallon of gas? Such questions may seem far removed from accident prevention programs, but in appealing to automobile operators through their pocketbooks, the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations is pointing out, in a special report just issued, that "when you keep your speed down you save lives," since lower speeds give greater control of the car and help avoid accidents.

At high speeds, oil is consumed faster than at reasonable speeds; tire wear is greater; gasoline consumption is much greater; and there is a greater wear and tear on the car itself when running at unreasonably high speeds.

Excessive speed increases the cost of operating a car, whereas the thinking motorist who drives at a reasonable rate of speed is not only reducing his costs but obeying the law in his consideration of all who are travelling on the streets and highways.

"This is something to think about," the report concludes, "drive at a reasonable speed and save money—and save lives."

or vegetation. On such a hillside, which is called a watershed, we get a large flow of water in a few weeks in the spring after which the creeks which take their rise in such an area become dried up. The second type of watershed is one which is completely covered with trees and vegetation of similar growth and from these we do not get such a large flow of water in the spring but the snow is held back and creeks are fed more slowly and continually throughout most of the summer.

Where such springs and rivers are used for reservoirs purposes it is very beneficial to have the hills in which they rise covered with trees and other vegetation. Not only does such growth retard the run-off and guarantee a more continuous flow of water, but water coming from such streams is purer than that brought down by creeks which take their rise in areas which have been stripped of all forest growth.

EDWARDS

BORN—On Thursday, July 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scharf, of Edwards, the gift of a son.

Miss Lena Parks, of Richmond, is at present employed by Mrs. Thos. Scharf.

Mrs. George Latimer, we are sorry to hear, has recently been stricken with serious illness. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The Misses Theresa and Evelyn Murray have found employment recently in Ottawa.

The entire community of Edwards wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gaukrodger and family in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. Basil Mains and Mr. Gordon Scharf spent Sunday in Manotick.

Mrs. Isaac Griffith has purchased a brand new 1937 model Chevrolet. We hope it gives her much pleasure in driving.

We hear Miss Pearl Phair is taking her holidays in U.S.A.

Mr. Carman Scharfe is helping Mr. Charles Gillersee with the haying.

Miss Bella Scharf spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Morrison.

Mr. Arthur Galvin, of Marckwell, Sask. is spending the summer with his uncle, Mr. E. R. Scharf.

Mrs. D. A. Cooke, Mr. Ross Cooke with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and family, of Richmond, spent Sunday afternoon as guests of Mrs. E. Scharfe.

The hail which descended with such violence last Saturday wrought havoc with the crops in this district. Some farmers will be compensated by insurance, but many others were less fortunate, for their crops were not insured against possible loss.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hall and son Donald attended the Spring Hill Memorial service last Sunday.

The Misses Ida and Mary Harrison spent Sunday at their home here.

Miss Violet James has returned home after spending the past week in Ottawa.

Miss Jessie Booth spent a few days of last week visiting her aunts, the Misses Booth.

The little Misses Betty, Shirley and June LaPlante are now visiting their cousins, Violet and John James.

Service was held in Knox Church, Edwards, on Sunday evening at 7.30. Rev. T. McNaught took charge of the service. Next Sabbath a memorial service in honor of our late pastor, the Rev. Dr. G. C. Gaukrodger, will be held and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

The regular monthly meeting of Knox United Ladies' Aid was held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon.

Miss Edna James is now employed at Hazeldean.

Messrs. John and Dougal Warren spent Sunday in Vernon.

Misses Mary and Mable James were Sunday guests of their aunt, Mrs. John James.

FAIRBANKS

Mrs. Sam Barrington, of Morewood, visited her sister, Mrs. James Hay over the week-end. Glad to see you back in our neighborhood again Mabel.

Mrs. Harold Hawkins, of Ottawa, called on her sister, Mrs. H. F. Carscadden this week, before leaving on a trip to Wales, England.

Miss Gertrude Carscadden, of Ottawa, is visiting her parents for a couple of weeks.

Miss Ida Harrison spent the week-end at her home in Edwards.

Misses Marion and Marguerite Wade are having a few holidays at their uncle's, Mr. Wm. Humes, at Marvelville.

We are glad to see Mrs. H. F. Carscadden able to be around again.

GOLDEN VALLEY

Haying is the order of the day. Mr. William Dale is working for Mr. Albert Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reoch spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. E. Cowan.

Mr. Stewart Hill had the misfortune to lose a valuable young horse last week, death being due to liver trouble.

Master Donald Cinnamon spent part of last week in the Valley.

Mr. J. Holmes, of Poltimore, is working for E. T. Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cowan and family spent Sunday at Osgoode.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown and family, of Westboro, and Mr. David Gray spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. E. Cowan.

Mr. Berton Waddell spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. L. McAndrew.

Mrs. G. G. Acres and children spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Hill.

VARS

WEDDING

A lovely summer wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, July 17th, at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, when Miss Bessie Easter Sparks, daughter of Russell Sparks the late Mrs. Sparks, of Vars, became the bride of Earle Elmer Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gordon, of Morewood.

Tall standards of delphinium and summer blooms, backed by ferns, adorned the church for the ceremony which was conducted by Rev. Franklin Clarke, rector of Bearbrook parish.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked charming in a gown of white lace, designed on Princess lines. She wore a white halo hat with a short net veil and carried a bouquet of Sweetheart roses with baby's breath and fern.

The bridesmaid, Miss Helen Sparks, of Toronto, sister of the bride, wore a gown of fine net and taffeta in Dresden blue, and a picture hat with accessories to match. She carried a colonial bouquet of roses, with baby's breath and fern.

Donald Gordon, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were G. D. Sparks and M. Gordon. During the signing of the register, Miss Kay Armstrong sang "O Perfect Love." Miss Alice Tanner, of Vars, presided at the organ.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's father and was attended by about 50 guests to whom a buffet luncheon was served. The bride and groom left after for a short motor trip. For travelling the bride wore a honeysuckle spot dress of white and blue with a white felt hat and white flannel coat.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sparks spent the week-end at Sharbot Lake, taking with them the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Carson, of Russell.

Miss Alice Tanner is spending a vacation in Dixville, Que., where she will be the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Mitchell and daughter, Nita, went up to Bouchette, Que., and spent Sunday afternoon with their daughter and the latter's sister, Miss Rita Mitchell.

Miss Freda Breacker is spending a few days with relatives at Morrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffith have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Vera Griffith, to Mr. Dean Loucks, of Morewood. The wedding will take place in August.

A woman always has perfect confidence in the judgment of the man who flatters her.

MARVELVILLE

The W.A. held the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Fader. After the meeting a social hour was spent and supper enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCormick and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shelp, and then took in the memorial service in the N.R. Cemetery.

Leslie Robinson made a business trip to Kenmore on Monday.

The L.T.B. held a monthly meeting in the Orange Hall Wednesday eve.

Owing to heavy rain, farmers in this district have been delayed with their haying, and report heavy damages to their grain crop.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brunton attended the play in Vernon last week.

Mrs. Norman McCormick made a business trip to Ottawa on Saturday.

Jas. Clayton called on friends in Kenmore last week.

GOOD PROGRAM AT NORTH RUSSELL W.I.

The July meeting of the North Russell Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Scott, on Wednesday afternoon, July 21st, with 16 members and about 25 visitors present. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Robt. Whitley and the secretary, Miss M. Hitsman, with Mrs. Andrew Herrington, convener of Historical Research in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Russell Hay, with a knitting contest for the grandmothers and the prize was won by Mrs. Robert Scott. The grandmothers' song "Blest be the Tie that Binds." The bean-guessing contest was won by Miss Emily Harrison and Mary Hamilton. Song by Mrs. Ernest Hamilton, "Mary and John." Readings by Misses Lois and Marjorie Scott.

The branch has made preparations to enter an exhibit at Russell Fair, Sept. 7 and 8. The Russell Agricultural Fair prize list states \$15 is to be given in prize money to the Women's Institute branches in Russell district. The hostess served tea, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Herrington and a social half hour spent.

The August meeting will be a social evening at the home of Mrs. Thos. Herrington on Aug. 18th.

DEAD OR ALIVE

A tourist on his way to Europe, was experiencing sea-sickness for the first time. Calling his wife to his bedside, he said in a weak voice: "Jennie, my will is in the National Bank. Everything is left to you, dear. My various stocks you will find in my safety-deposit box." Then he said fervently: "And Jennie? Bury me on the other side. I can't stand this trip again, alive or dead."

Each year about 550 persons are killed and over 10,000 injured—many of them permanently disabled or disfigured. TRY COURTESY.



When Walking
you are Courteous—

Try Courtesy
When Driving

AS WE walk about on street, highway and bypath we are all most courteous to each other as we pass, overtake, stop, cross and otherwise mingle with our fellow-pedestrians. None of us would think of being otherwise—we are just naturally courteous at heart.

But, too often, this native courtesy leaves us when we get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

Do not let your attitude of courtesy leave you when you drive but, rather, "Try Courtesy" every inch of the way.

When you meet a fellow-motorist pull well over to your right. When you overtake him sound your horn—a short note will do! Keep to the right on curves, "blind spots" and, of course, on hills. Drive at the speed of the traffic you are in—don't "hold up the parade." Never put the "other fellow" on "the spot." He may get excited and you may both be hurt.

Dip or dim your lights when you meet at night—neither of you can see where to steer when you are "blinded".

Do not "crowd" pedestrians, we all walk at times and we all dislike being startled.

Hand-signal your intention to slow down, stop or turn and otherwise act to your fellow-man a wheel in the same considerate manner as when he is afoot—"Try Courtesy" every inch of the way.



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